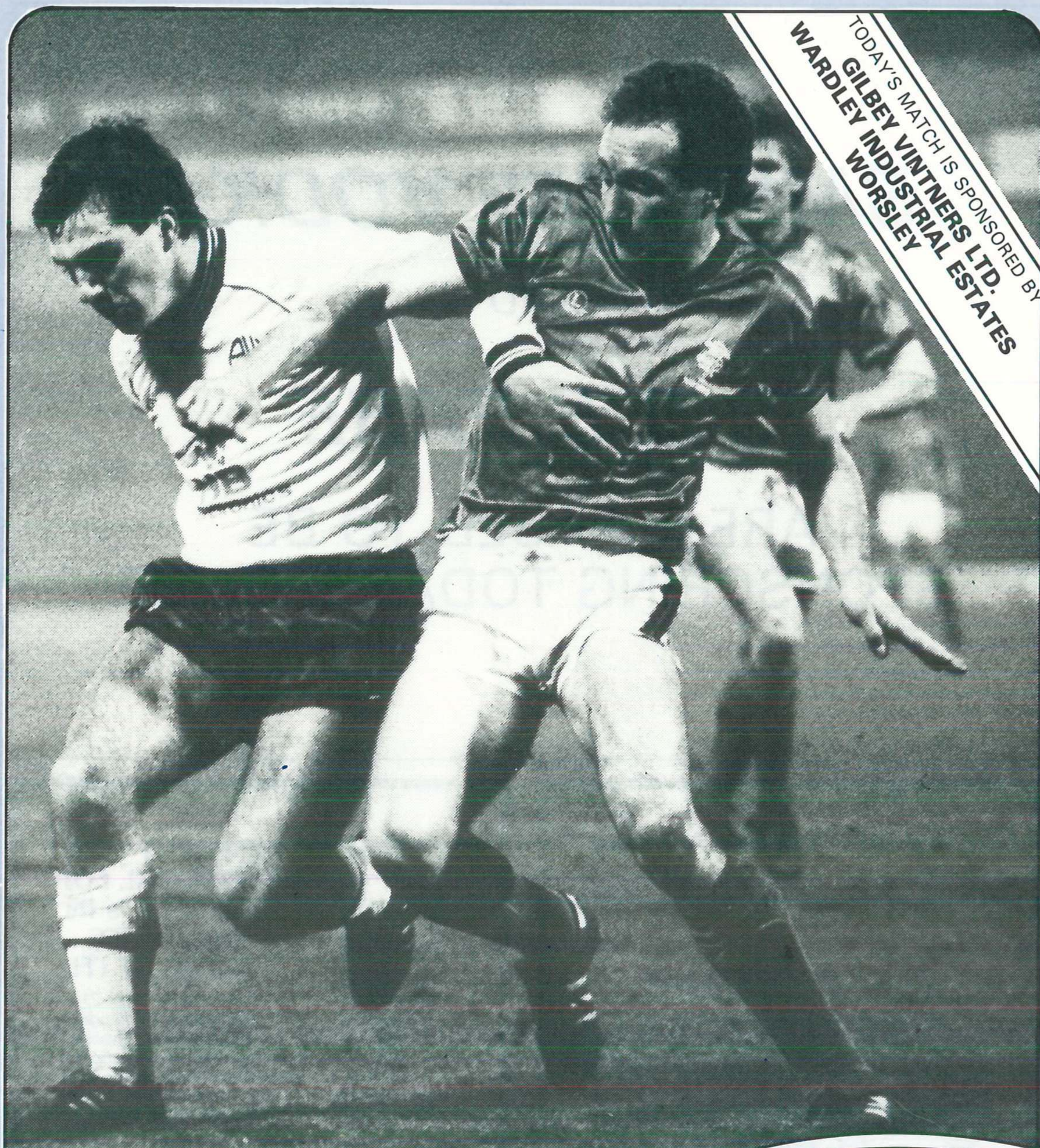


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John McGovern

This afternoon I would like to extend a warm Bolton welcome to our opponents from Port Vale who, since John McGrath's departure and under the guidance of John Rudge, have shown they are willing to fight for every result to get clear of the relegation zone.

And after a disastrous start to the season they have achieved some notable home victories, beating the likes of Sheffield United and Wimbledon — two of the promotion chasing clubs. And last Saturday's 4-2 win against Newport must have given them renewed hope for survival.

Again it shows the virtue of being positive and going all out for three points in every game instead of the old system of fighting for a draw away from home.

One of our away successes was at Port Vale this season where Tony Caldwell's superb individual goal was one of the best I've seen. I recall that our support there was as excellent as ever and they were certainly rewarded by the goal and the result.

Since we were unsuccessful in our search for goals in our last home game against Lincoln and at the moment tend to rely quite heavily on Tony to score our goals, I feel it's about time someone else weighed in with a contribution.

Nevertheless the main reason I have been content with our displays this season is that we are still at least creating chances and are still capable of



competing against the Sheffield Uniteds, the Oxfords and the Walsalls.

At this stage of the season, going into the last third, we should be rolling up our sleeves for a really hard push at getting into the top three.

And if anyone thinks that is an unlikely target just consider Bradford City's meteoric rise. They have proved that, even in football, miracles are possible.

FRONT COVER: Warren Joyce shows typical determination in this midfield clash during the Lincoln game.

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PORT VALE

UNHAPPY SEASON FOR PORT VALE

By Tony Pullein

This hasn't been the happiest of seasons for Port Vale so far. They finished third in the Fourth Division last season, to earn promotion, but they have been struggling to find their feet at the highest level and at the moment it looks as if they could make a quick return to the lower division.

When the situation became grave in December, the board decided to terminate manager John McGrath's contract and former coach John Rudge is now in charge of the team.

One or two recent performances have helped to boost confidence and they have by no means accepted that relegation is inevitable. A couple of weeks ago, for instance, they ended Bradford City's fabulous run of 10 successive victories by drawing 2-2 at Valley Parade.

That, sadly, is one of only three away points picked up so far. The others came from Exeter (1-1) and Bristol Rovers (0-0).

All their other away games have ended in defeat at Rotherham (1-2), Millwall (2-3), Wimbledon (2-4), Walsall (0-2), Orient (0-3), Brentford (1-3), Newport (1-2), Burnley (0-7), Preston (0-4), Hull (0-1) and Plymouth (0-3).

Vale did score one spanking away victory in the Milk Cup, though, running up a 5-1 win at Wrexham to give them an 8-2 aggregate victory. They then faced Manchester United and lost 0-1 at home and 0-2 at Old Trafford.

Their F.A. Cup hopes ended in round one when they were beaten at home by Lincoln City (1-2).

Though Vale were knocked out of the Milk Cup by Manchester United, a heartening aspect of that game was the size of the Vale Park crowd. Their average for League matches is 4,379 but a massive attendance of 19,855 turned up for United's visit — Port Vale's best crowd since January 1973.

They also shared in the proceeds of a 23,589 gate at Old Trafford.

Former manager John McGrath took over in December 1979 when the club was languishing in the middle of the Fourth Division. It took him about a

year to reorganise the coaching and to get the tactics right.

In 1982 Vale were shaping up as promotion prospects and last season they made it, taking third place in the Fourth Division.

After promotion had been achieved, the Vale manager signed two new midfield players — Tommy Gore from Bury and Gary Pollard from Chesterfield — and another goalscoring forward, Eamon O'Keefe.

More recent arrivals are forward Martin Henderson, from Chesterfield, and midfield man Kevin Young from Burnley.

Vale are one of the oldest clubs in the country. Founded in 1876, they gained admission to the Second Division of the Football League in 1892 but failed to gain re-election four years later.

They returned to the Football League again in 1898 but in 1907 they were forced to resign because of financial difficulties. Until 1913 they were known as Burslem Port Vale but they dropped the "Burslem" bit when they moved to a new ground in Hanley.

By a stroke of good luck they found themselves back in the League again in 1919. The F.A. disbanded Leeds City F.C. for alleged irregularities, thus forcing them to drop out of the Second Division. Port Vale were elected to take over their fixtures and they have remained in the competition ever since.

In 1968 Port Vale were themselves expelled from the League, for alleged unlawful payments, but were immediately re-instated at the annual meeting.

The club has gravitated between the Second and Fourth Divisions throughout the years. They went down into Division Three for the first time in 1929 and they yo-yoed between the sections until the outbreak of war. In 1954 they returned to Division Two but, following relegation in 1957, they have never since enjoyed Second Division status.

It was in 1950 that they took over their present spacious ground at Vale Park. It has accommodated as many as 50,000 spectators but today its capacity is



Back Row: Colin Tartt, Bob Newton (now Chesterfield), Gary Pollard, Phil Sproson, Barry Siddall, Chris Pearce, Jim Steel (now Wrexham), John Ridley, Wayne Cegielski, Russel Bromage.
Front Row: Steve Fox, Geoff Hunter, Andy Shankland, Tommy Gore, Eamon O'Keefe, Terry Armstrong, Robert Earle.

35,000 and is well worthy of staging Second or First Division football.

And that's where Vale hope to be within the next few years.

BARRY SIDDALL (Goalkeeper). It will be a nostalgic return to Burnden Park for Barry. He won England youth honours in his early days with Bolton but, after holding the first-team spot here for three seasons, he was sold to Sunderland for £80,000 in 1976. Two seasons ago he was loaned to Darlington and he was transferred to Port Vale in the 1982 close-season.

COLIN TARTT (Defender). Colin made his League debut for Port Vale in 1972, winning an immediate place. He left for Chesterfield in 1977 but returned to his original club two seasons ago.

WAYNE CEGIELSKI (Defender). Wayne was once a reserve player with Tottenham and he made his League debut whilst on loan to Northampton in 1974/75. At the end of that season he joined the West German club Augsburg and it was upon his return to these shores in 1976 that he joined Wrexham. He moved on to Port Vale in 1982.

PHIL SPROSON (Defender). Phil is a Vale discovery who graduated to League duty in 1978 and who has been holding a regular place for five years. He is the nephew of the club appearances record holder, and former manager, Roy Sproson.

RUSSEL BROMAGE (Defender). Russel started off as a midfield player, making his League debut at Bradford City in April 1978. He has been a fixture in the side for the past four years.

JOHN RIDLEY (Defender). John is in his second spell with Vale, where he began his career. He moved on to Leicester for £55,000 in 1978 but spent less than a season at Filbert Street before Chesterfield signed him. He returned to Vale Park in 1982.

GEOFF HUNTER (Midfield). Geoff has been a fixture in midfield since his arrival from Crewe during

the 1981 close-season. He started his professional career with Manchester United though he was never in contention for a first-team place at Old Trafford. The move to Crewe in 1979 enabled him to satisfy his ambition to play regularly in League football.

TOMMY GORE (Midfield). Tommy was an amateur player with both Liverpool and Tranmere and then settled down with Wigan in the Northern Premier League in 1974. He remained ever-present for their first two seasons as a Football League club and then moved to Bury for £20,000 in 1980. Tommy joined Vale this summer.

KEVIN YOUNG (Midfield). Kevin joined Port Vale from Burnley on loan in December. He worked his way up from the youth team at Turf Moor to make his League debut in 1978/79 and he played well over 100 games for the Clarets.

MARK BRIGHT (Forward). Mark is only an occasional first-teamer at the moment but he could be close to his breakthrough. He was signed from Leek Town and made his debut two seasons ago.

STEVE FOX (Forward). Steve was signed from Wrexham last season after four years with the Welsh club. Birmingham City introduced him to the League in 1976/77 and had to pay £90,000 to sign him in 1979.

EAMON O'KEEFE (Forward). Eamon is a Republic of Ireland international who led Wigan's scoring list with 17 goals last season and moved on to Port Vale in the summer. He spent his early career with Stalybridge Celtic, Plymouth — as a reserve player — Hyde United, followed by a spell in Saudi Arabia. He returned to England with Mossley and he eventually made the Football League with Everton in 1979. Wigan signed him from £60,000 in 1981.

MARTIN HENDERSON (Forward). Martin was transferred to Port Vale from Chesterfield a few weeks ago. He started his career with Glasgow Rangers and, after a spell in U.S. football, signed for Leicester in 1978. Chesterfield invested £70,000 in his transfer in 1981.

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'Previous Encounters'

Today's game with Port Vale will be the 16th Football League meeting between the two sides. The Wanderers are unbeaten in all these games having won 12 and drawn 3 and have a 100% record at Burnden conceding only a single goal against Vale to date.

The first meeting took place in the 2nd Division in season 1899/1900. The first game took place at Burnden with the Wanderers winning 5-0 with goals from Jack, McAteer (2) and Hanson (2) before a crowd of approximately 9,000. The return game at Burslem was scheduled for the following March but Vale refused to play because of a clash with the FA Cup semi final at Stoke and requested that the game be played at Manchester City. The League refused and when the game was played a month later Bolton ran out 2-0 winners with a couple of goals from Bell.

Season 1903/04 and 1904/05 again at Second Division level saw the Wanderers win all four games with 5-0 and 3-1 scorelines respectively at Burnden.

Our paths didn't cross again until November 1933 when a hat trick from Jack Milsom won the game at Burnden. The return ended scoreless, this being the only one in the games played between the two sides.

The following season Bolton completed the double with a 3-1 away win with Jack Milsom on the mark with two goals and Ray Westwood getting the other. At Burnden Milsom was again on the mark in a 2-0 win along with G.T. Taylor.

It wasn't until October 1971 that the clubs met again this time in the Third Division. A 1-1 draw resulted at Vale Park with Peter Nicholson for Bolton and Brian Horton with a penalty on the mark for Vale. The following March Bolton ran out 3-0 winners with goals from Peter Nicholson, Roger Hunt and Kevin McMahon who was making his Wanderers debut.

The last time the Clubs met in league action at Burnden was in December 1972 when Bolton were leading the Third Division whilst Vale were in 5th position. Bolton won the game 2-0 before a crowd of 12,534 with goals from John Byrom and Garry Jones.

The two teams were: Bolton: C. Wright, Ritson, McAllister, Rimmer, P. Jones, Waldron, Byrom, G. Jones, Greaves, Lee, Phillips.

Port Vale: Boswell, Brodie, Loska, Summerscales, Cross, Mountford, Williams, Lacey, Morgan, Tartt, McLaren. Sub. Gough for Mountford.

The return game at Vale Park was the penultimate game of the season which ended 2-2. A Brian Horton penalty giving the home side the lead before second half goals from Ray Williams for Vale, and Peter Nicholson and John Byrom for Bolton sent a large Bolton contingent of the 14,168 crowd home happy.

Earlier this season the Wanderers won at Port Vale with all the goals coming in the first half. Jeff Chandler had given the Wanderers the lead before Colin Tartt equalised in the 41st minute. Seconds before half time Tony Caldwell won the points for Bolton with his 13th goal in 12 games with a tremendous solo effort.

In our only cup encounter, which was in 1914 the Wanderers won a fourth round tie at Burnden 3-0.

'Flashback'

15 years ago 1st March 1969. The Wanderers were unchanged for the visit of Oxford United to Burnden Park. Unfortunately they extended their poor form by extending their run to 8 league games without a win with a 1-1 draw.

John Byrom netted Wanderers goal before a crowd of 6,537.

10 years ago 23rd February 1974. High flying Carlisle United visited Burnden Park but the Wanderers registered their first win over the Cumbrians for the first time since 1966.

John Byrom had put an unchanged Bolton side one up in the 29th minute and Garry Jones put the game beyond Carlisle's reach when he converted a penalty in the 70th minute.

27th February 1974. Bolton extended their unbeaten run to 9 league games with a 1-1 draw at Aston Villa. Bolton trailed at half time to a Pat McMahon goal but the second half saw the Wanderers tear the home defence apart with Garry Jones and Peter Thompson in superb form.

The equaliser came in the 71st minute when Peter Thompson chipped the ball across the penalty area for John Byrom to head his 20th goal of the season past Villa keeper Jim Cumbe.

5 years ago 25th February 1979. Bolton played their first home game of the year when Chelsea were the visitors to Burnden in a relegation battle.

Chelsea took the lead in the 35th minute against the run of play when Eamon Bannon raced through to shoot home.

Within a minute Bolton were back on terms, David Burke beat Peter Bonetti with a left foot shot to score his first goal for the club.

Bonetti in the Chelsea goal made a string of thrilling saves but could do nothing about Neil McNab's left foot shot in the 62nd minute that won the points for Bolton, before a crowd of 19,457.

3rd March 1979. Bolton visited Manchester City but went down 2-1. Mike Channon and a Gary Owen penalty had given the home side the advantage before Frank Worthington notched his 18th goal of the season in the 75th minute.

This prompted the Wanderers to launch a desperate fling and they were unlucky not to be awarded a penalty when Paul Power appeared to handle a Worthington cross.

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Club News

ROBINSON

The Eire international striker now prove he's worth to pull on the famous red shirt.

After signing a four-year contract with the League champions Robinson last night said: "This has to be the ultimate achievement of my career."

Striker or Keeper?

Wayne Foster's stint in goal at Rotherham a fortnight ago wasn't the first time he had been called on in an emergency.

In February 1981 the Wanderers were playing Manchester City at Burnden in a Lancashire Youth Cup Semi-final when after 75 minutes keeper Gary Walker was injured in a collision.

The game was scoreless at the time and Wayne took over keeping a clean sheet even during extra time. After some confusion about the rules the Wanderers eventually went out 5-3 on penalties.

Reserve Report

8th February 1984 Bolton Res. 2 Nottingham Forest Res. 3

The reserves went down to a strong Forest side in an entertaining game.

Forest went ahead after only 2 minutes when Paul Raynor beat Simon Darby before rounding John Platt to shoot into an empty net.

Forest continued on the offensive and Wanderers full back Jimmy Phillips headed a Peter Davenport header off the line.

George Oghani equalised for the Wanderers in the 16th minute when he received a good through ball from Neil Redfearn before shooting under the body of Steve Sutton in the Forest goal.

Five minutes later Forest regained the lead when after a mistake by John McGovern, Davenport beat Neil Berry to leave Raynor the simple task of shooting into an empty net.

Forest continued to be on top and John Platt made a number of good saves notably from Campbell and Murray.

Bolton opened the second half well and Simon Rudge was inches off touching a George Oghani cross into an open goal.

In the 58th minute Forest capitalised on a poor back pass from Paul Howard and David Riley forced the ball over the line. Neil Redfearn pulled one back for Bolton in the 75th minute after some enterprising work by Oghani and McGovern after a corner kick.

Team: Platt, Howard, Phillips, McGovern, Berry, S. Darby, Booth, Redfearn, Rudge, Oghani, Roberts, Sub. Crooks for Roberts.

16th February 1984 Bolton Res. 2 Sunderland Res. 1

The Wanderers reserves won this bottom of the table clash in fine style with Alan Zelem and Mark Came both from Winsford United showing some fine form.

Bolton took the lead in the 15th minute when Tony Caldwell calmly flicked a Ray Deakin shot into the net with Prudhoe in the Sunderland goal helpless.

A minute later Neil Redfearn hit the bar with a shot from the edge of the area. Redfearn was in fact the Wanderers most industrious player and he seems to be recapturing some of his early season form.

Ray Deakin also had a good game and he was unlucky to see his 30 yard effort hit the bar after 34 minutes.

Sunderland troubled the Wanderers defence a couple of times in the first half when Wardrobe missed two simple chances.

Dean Roberts put Bolton two up in the 73rd minute when he rose delightfully to head home a right wing cross with the Sunderland defence flat footed.

Paul Lemon pulled a goal back for the Wearsiders four minutes later but the Wanderers held on despite missing the best chance of the match which fell to Dean Roberts a couple of minutes from time who blasted over from ten yards out with the goal at his mercy.

Team: Zelem, Berry Deakin, Davies, Came, Phillips, Walker, Crooks, Caldwell, Redfearn, Oghani, Sub. Roberts for Crooks.

Half Marathon

Application forms are now available in the office for the Wanderers half marathon to be held on Sunday 29th April starting at 10.00 a.m. Medals will be awarded to all finishers.

Junior Whites

Today's mascot is Stephen Evans who lives in Linfield Close, Harwood. Stephen is 10 years old and attends Hough Fold Junior School playing in mid-field for the School team. His favourite player is Tony Caldwell.





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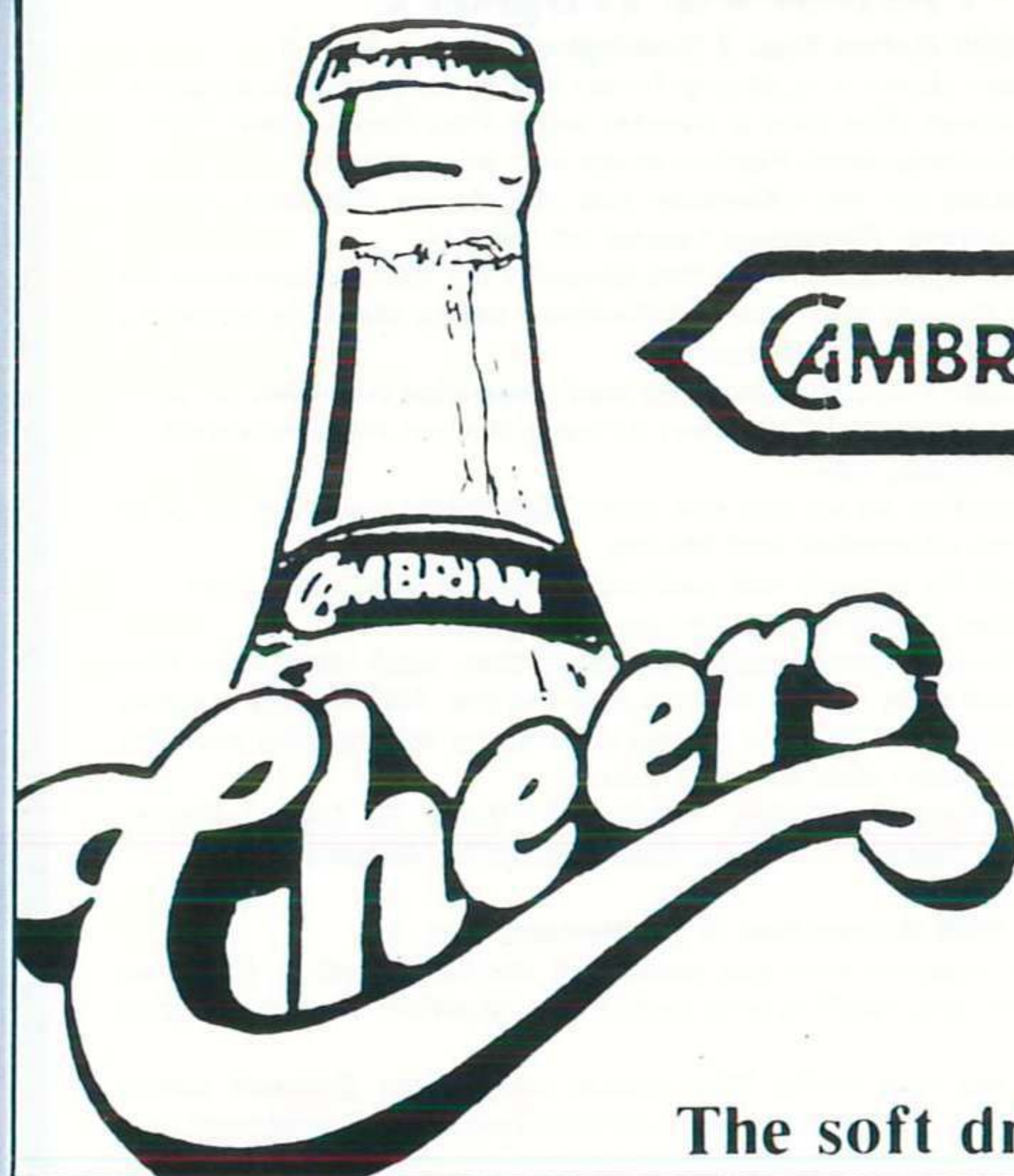
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back to London, this time to join Chelsea.

After making 11 Second Division appearances for Chelsea last season he returned to Carlisle on loan and moved back to Roker Park for the third time last summer to take up the duties of coaching.

That goal against West Brom was Bryan's 261st in the Football League and that means that the little striker has scored more goals in the competition than anyone else currently registered as a player.

Sunderland manager Alan Durban has had no qualms about using his goalscoring coach and has named him as the substitute on numerous occasions this season so he is obviously still in contention for a place.

"I came out at Christmas and it was a long game, but I scored a

one or two problems in recent years but I still want to play up front and score goals, that is the most exciting thing for me to do."

From this point of view does Bryan think he could command a regular team place if he moved down the divisions a little?

"I played for Chelsea and Carlisle in the Second Division last season but I broke an ankle which took some eight weeks to heal up before I could start training again so it kept me out of action for quite a while. Even so I had about 26 games but until Christmas I hadn't played in the First Division since 1981.

"Initially I felt last summer that I had reached the end of my playing days and that is why I accepted the offer to coach at Sunderland. Also I am more interested in the coaching

STILL POPPING THEM IN

His official title at Roker Park is "First Team Coach" but when at the age of 38 he was recalled to First Division duty in the Christmas home game against West Bromwich Albion and scored the opening goal in Sunderland's 3-0 win it was easy to see why Bryan 'Pop' Robson is revered on Wearside.

Veteran of over 500 Football League games now, Pop is affectionately spoken of in the same respected breath as legends such as Charlie Buchan, Len Shackleton, Hughie Gallacher and Jackie Milburn.

Born just a stone's throw away from Roker Park, Bryan was brought up amidst the fanatical atmosphere and folklore of this hotbed of football fanaticism, yet it was up the road at Newcastle where he started his career in the game.

Starting how he intended to continue, Bryan made a goalscoring debut for Newcastle United at Charlton in September 1964 and ever since that successful baptism, London and the North East have figured prominently in his career.

From Tyneside he moved to West Ham United for £125,000, in February 1971, making the return trip to Sunderland in July 1974 for £145,000. Then it was back to Upton Park in January 1977 (£80,000) and back again to Roker Park in June 1979 (£40,000).

March 1981 saw Bryan on the move again, this time to Carlisle where he took up the position of player-coach, but in July 1982 it was

goal and we managed to win it so it worked out quite well," says Bryan. "I came on again as a substitute in our next home game against Luton, and we won that one as well so maybe I am a bit of a lucky charm."

He realises that he is not a first choice player anymore but when injuries strike there could be few better replacements for a front line role.

"I'm still in the twelve or thirteen," he says with a degree of satisfaction although he admits it is not easy combining playing with coaching.

"I have always been fairly fit and enjoyed playing and still have the same enthusiasm for the game but it is a little bit more difficult keeping yourself tuned up when you are organising because it is difficult to supervise others if you are throwing yourself into the session as well.

"So I miss out a little bit when I can't join in but I play a little bit of squash and table tennis which keeps me fairly active and fairly sharp and I can get a good sweat on there if it is necessary."

There are a lot of old-timers still enjoying a regular position in the First Division such as Billy Bonds, Frank Lampard and John Hollins but it is always more difficult for a striker than a defender to keep going.

"That is right," agrees Bryan. "The usual story is for a striker to drop back into midfield but I have never ever wanted to play in midfield and that has caused me

side now. At 38 you don't have too many ambitions of playing at Wembley so really this is where my future lies.

"Sunderland still kept me registered as a player so that I can help out when necessary and I have come in for injuries and would hope to do so again. I still enjoy playing."

With over 700 senior appearances behind him what are Bryan's most cherished memories of his lifetime in soccer?

"Probably winning the European Fairs Cup with Newcastle was one of the highlights of my career," he reflects. "Scoring goals and finishing as the First Divisions top goalscorer and then receiving a golden boot for finishing as the top scorer in the Second Division. Those are all happy memories. I just enjoy scoring goals."

It is something that Bryan has done exceedingly well and just to emphasise the point, that goal against West Brom was Bryan's 300th in first class football.

BRYAN ROBSON'S FOOTBALL LEAGUE RECORD

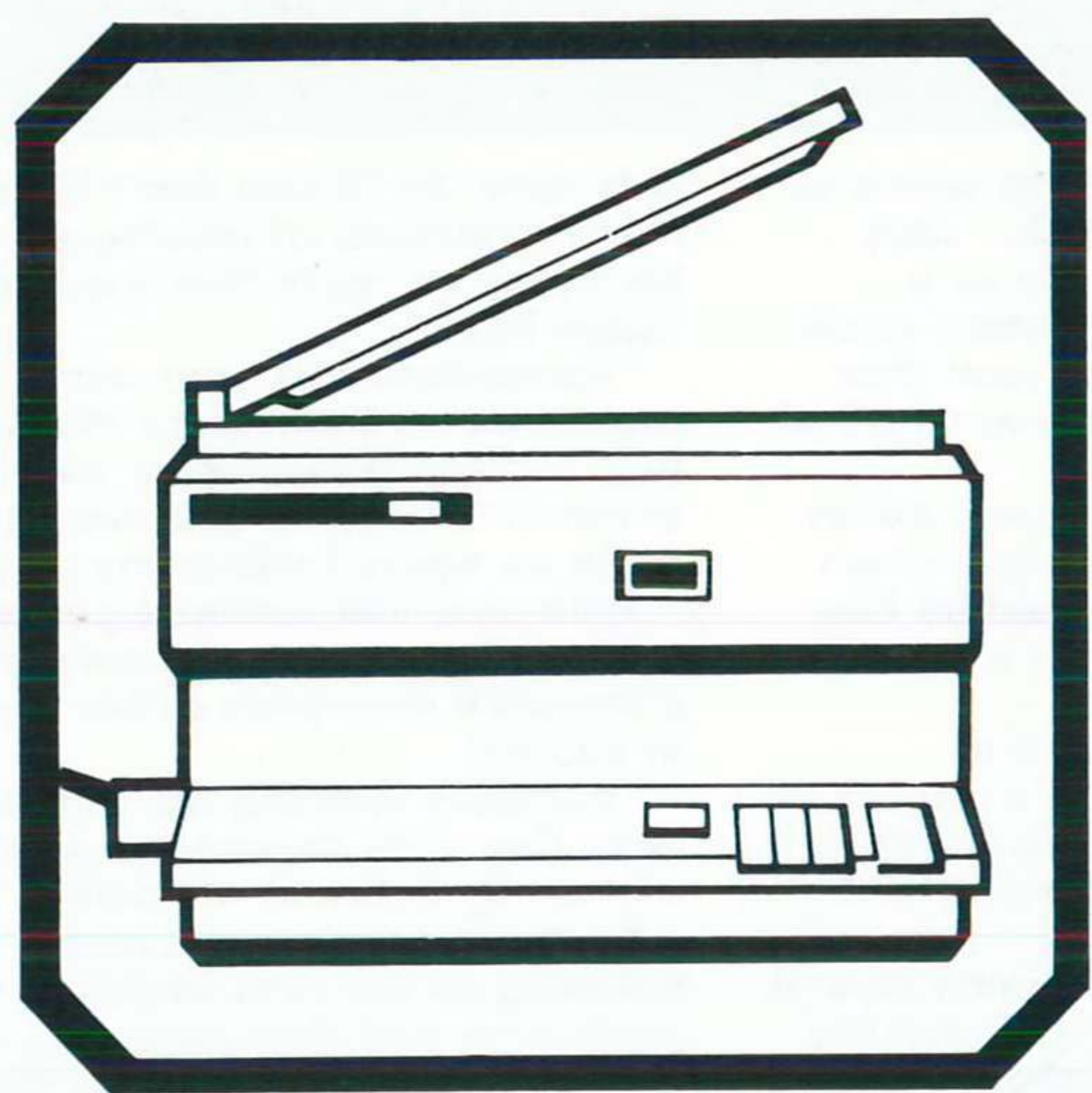
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Bradley's BRIEF



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Ian Rush was recently elevated to superstar status when he scored a hat-trick in a televised match at Villa Park. Television is a mean seducer and the soccer scribes waxed lyrical over his performance on a skidpan Villa surface that was more fitted for ice skating.

Extravagant words like Genius, Matchless, Perfectionist were tossed off typewriters like confetti for public consumption.

There were the inevitable comparisons with Torvill and Dean, but whether Rush can do the Bolero on ice has yet to be seen on the magic lantern. No doubt some bright spark at the Beeb is already contemplating such an absurdity for Sportsnight.

Even the normally reticent Rush was caught off guard by a melodramatic media and was moved to say: "I scored five in a match last season and now I want to hit six. But my ultimate target is not to miss a chance!"

When you have tasted the milk of Paradise it is hard not to get drunk on false flattery. Even the over-publicised mortals of Liverpool are vulnerable.

But to put things in perspective before we all flip off to Fantasy Island, Rush is now recognised as the smartest finisher in the country. But he has been for some time.



NATURAL

For three seasons he has been the jewel in Liverpool's crown and is now set to take over centre stage from Kenny Dalglish at the Anfield altar.

If accuracy is the striker's most potent weapon, then this 22-year-old Welshman is a rare talent in the Jimmy Greaves mould. Shooting strength is fine, but accurate finishing is an art and skill given to few.

For a big man he has good balance, vision and the sort of pace which enables him to leave defenders flat footed. Such skills are a licence to steal while others sleep.

He has benefited enormously from playing alongside the cunning Dalglish, a rare tutor for a willing pupil, and is now beginning to time his runs to a point which gives him mastery over dilatory defenders. But his greatest asset is his ability to punish mistakes. Making chances is one thing: converting them is another. Rush has few peers in the finishing department.

Yet in his first seven League outings for Liverpool he failed to score, a fact frequently forgotten by those who now acclaim him as a born goal scorer. No, Ian had to learn his trade in the reserves as most Liverpool players have when suddenly transferred to the Anfield spotlight.

FALSE PROPHETS

Liverpool plucked him out of obscurity and the £300,000 they paid Chester in April 1979 — a figure that caused a few shock waves at the time — now looks peanuts.

Rush hit 30 goals in his first campaign in the top flight to prove that Liverpool are always willing to gamble on real potential, while others dither when the time comes to put your money where your mouth is.

This season he has been troubled by a mystery virus which necessitated blood tests and a succession of colds and it has taken time for him to achieve peak fitness.

For several weeks he had to take two pain-killing tablets prior to games and often played in severe pain because of a groin complaint. But with the help of special stretching exercises designed to strengthen the groin he is now back to his best . . . stretching defences.

"It seems to have worked out fine," says Rush. "I now find I have greater mobility. Any success that I am having is down to the players around me. They make so many opportunities that I cannot fail to get among the goals.

"But goals are not everything. I can have a good game without scoring — a fact which is appreciated by my team mates, but not the media."

Beware of false prophets Ian. Just keep doing what comes naturally . . . sticking the pill in the back of the net!

ROBSON'S BLUEPRINT



ENGLAND manager Bobby Robson unveiled his "Blueprint for Excellence" at a Press Conference in London, a futuristic plan designed to improve the quality of English football.

It has long been the contention of the former Ipswich Town boss that English players are inadequate in the basic skills of their trade and to tackle this problem he is aiming at the grass roots level of schoolboy football.

The announcement that the F.A. were to operate a National Football School to mould international stars for the future took most of the attention but it is another aspect of Mr Robson's exciting programme which I feel will have the biggest impact on the development of our game, and that is the installation of Centres of Excellence around the country to cater for boys in general, from the age of 11.

That will be a crucial step forward. For under the present arrangements with the English Schools Football Association professional clubs are not supposed to take an interest in a boy until he reaches the age of 14 and by that time they have developed most of their habits.

If Bobby Robson gets his way then the proposed Centres of Excellence will be a very important part of the scheme. The Football Association will license the approved centres which will be fully equipped and the contents of the course for 11-14 year olds will be set by the England manager himself.

"There are 39 Football League clubs with the facilities to accommodate this scheme," he explains.

That should cast the net wide enough while the National School, based at Lilleshall in Shropshire, will concentrate on the creme de la creme.

Next September they will take in 25 of the most promising schoolboy footballers in the country on a residential two-year course which will be supplemented by an annual intake of 15 new pupils.

The lads will receive top class coaching and instruction every day under the guidance of Dave Sexton, and will attend the local Idshall Comprehensive School for their general education.

PRACTICE

"We will concentrate on teaching them skill and technique," says Bobby Robson. "They will also need to play

some games and we will arrange these but we will be able to control this and that is important.

"There is no doubt that the good youngsters in this country play too much football. They can be involved in five or six matches a week and that means that there is no time for practice. This is a fundamental error we will be able to correct.

"I didn't play for the England Schoolboy side when I was a kid because our school did not even have a school team. I learned my technique, control and how to dribble in the street.

"Now that sort of environment does not exist anymore and that is a pity because it produced some great

players, but in order to try and create the same end product we are turning to this scheme. We do need to produce a better technical player in this country and this is the way to do it."

Gone are the days when youngsters honed their skills with tin cans and tennis balls in 20-a-side games. The Coronation Street aspect of football has been replaced by green playing fields and multi-purpose sports halls, and to some degree this has not benefited the game.

Youngsters playing 11-a-side football on full size pitches has meant that they have had too much room. The tight control and mazy dribbling skills you



had to acquire in the back streets if you wanted any time on the ball, has thus not been developed and the result is that at the highest level our players are now inadequate.

Bobby Robson is aiming to restore those basic skills and thanks to a sponsorship deal with General Motors the scheme has now become a practical proposition.

The agreement with General Motors covers at least the next four years and John Fleming, the chairman and managing director of GM enthuses: "We are proud and excited by this relationship with the F.A."

"In commercial life we have to plan many years ahead but no business can operate without taking care of the community it operates in. So through our association with the F.A. we have the opportunity to further the interests of the most popular sport in the country."

TRUST

As part of the deal General Motors will sponsor the pre-season glamour curtain raiser, the Charity Shield, and will also supply the F.A. with all its transport needs.

John Tanner, who is the chairman of the F.A. Instructional Committee, says: "Most players reach international standard at 24. If we can accelerate that performance then the national side will benefit."

It is accepted however that selection for this National School does not mean that the pupils will automatically become international footballers. "The boys who don't reach that standard can still play an important part in the game," adds Tanner.

F.A. Chairman Bert Millichip is quick to emphasise: "This is not only to produce international players. We want to develop the overall standard of football in this country."

The pursuit and achievement of excellence is what it is all about but already there are doubters . . . and the first term is not underway yet. Some managers are wary of losing the services of a star youth player for two years, others question the type of coaching they will receive.

Then of course there is the inevitable opposition from some teaching quarters.

Robson hopes that League club managers will put their trust in him. He says: "I hope to be able to guarantee that when we hand a lad back after two years he will be a better player. Otherwise there will be no point in running the school."

The availability of these players for special club matches is "an area for discussion," but for some top clubs there seems to be no problem.

Peter Shreeves, Tottenham Hotspur's



DAVE SEXTON, one of the most respected coaches in the game has been given the job of teaching the star pupils at the National School at Lilleshall.

"I am delighted to be involved," he says. "This is obviously a serious attempt to organise our game better at the grass roots level and gives us the opportunity to identify good players earlier."

"I shall do my best to give them all the help I can and I am certainly excited by being in on the scheme at the beginning."

"It will be nice to work without the pressure of having to obtain results in matches. We will endeavour to instill good footballing habits into all the pupils."

"The lads will have at least 1½ hours a day working on skills, and we will cover all the basic elements of the game."

"This is a serious attempt to identify talent earlier and improve it. I do not see any dramatic turnover of players but hopefully we can produce some international class players."

"And because we are taking them at 14 it does not preclude those who develop later. There will always be room for players coming in to the international scene from other directions, through the under-16 and under-18 teams for example . . . The way must always be left open for talent."

assistant manager explains: "There is more than one way of skinning a cat. We have given it our stamp of approval. If one of our youngsters is selected he will learn and still be our player."

"And if they teach him things which are different to what we preach then it will help broaden his outlook on the game, make him a more complete player."

MAXIMISE RESOURCES

The F.A. have been running coaching schemes since just after the war and in the past year they ploughed £425,000 into it but this is by far the most progressive scheme that they have ever been involved in.

As the governing body of football in England they have a responsibility to develop the game at all levels and Bobby Robson's 'Blueprint for Excellence' does just that.

He intends bringing some top name players to Lilleshall and says: "Let the likes of Peter Shilton work with the 14-year-olds for an afternoon. If the kids see this type of interest being paid to them then it will take off."

"Dave Sexton will work as much as he can with the class but in addition we have employed Denis Saunders as a full time residential coach to not only teach technique and skills, but look after the pastoral welfare of the boys. He will be the father figure."

"If we fall down on that side of it the whole thing will collapse like a pack of cards. The success of the school depends on the staff."

"You get the best lads in the country, the best coaches and offer them the best facilities and then maximise the time to the benefit of everyone . . . We want to lift the standard of the First Division."

Some 300 lads were nominated by schools, Sunday Leagues and clubs and Mr Robson had the task of sifting through this mass of football potential, but for those not so lucky the new Centres of Excellence should provide the ideal tuition.

The French FA have been operating a football college for their top youngsters for some eight years now and it was perhaps significant that they walked off with the UEFA Youth Championship, the finals of which were staged in England, last summer.

As for the FA's new baby it will take some ten years to determine whether it has been successful or not . . . and in the meantime you can bet it will come under the closest scrutiny.



The Football League entered the New Year with nothing to fear from the ogre of 1984. Big Brother is not a spectre on the grandstand roofs of the 92 clubs.

There is a real prospect of attendances showing an upward trend by the end of the season. More goals will be scored, for the third season in succession, if the present rate is maintained.

Income from the Canon (UK) Ltd and National Dairy Council sponsorships together with fees from television, radio and football pools is now in excess of £8 million per year.

And the benefits of individual sponsorships in the form of shirt advertising are now being enjoyed by more than 60 of the 92 clubs.

"I am sure", says Graham Kelly, Secretary of The Football League, "that the League will look in better shape, in terms of finance and stability, at the end of 1984 than for many years.

"That is no mean achievement. It reflects a lot of hard work by many people and defies the prophets of doom.

"The precise attendance figures at Canon League matches over the Christmas and New Year holiday period have yet to be finalised, but gates totalled nearly 2 million, bringing the season's average to around 9,500 per match.

"And still to come is the outstanding First Division programme postponed from the Saturday before England played Hungary in October; the Easter programme; and the prospect of a closer finish to the First Division Championship than last year.

"The stabilising of attendance figures reflects the determination of clubs, and their managers and coaches, to play entertaining football.

"So, too, does the rate of goalscoring. After the holiday programme, 1,038 Canon League games this season had produced 2,923 goals compared with 3,026 goals from 1,056 League matches last season. That is only 33 goals fewer from 18 less matches and, in percentage terms, suggests that we can expect the season's goals total to rise again.

"It is still too early to assess the live television experiment fairly, but generally, the televised matches have been excellent showcases for the game and this may have contributed to the encouraging attendance figures.



"The increase in the number of sponsored clubs is a factor in which the League can take pride. Hard-headed businessmen are careful where they invest their money these days.

The fact that League football can attract an increasing amount of finance can be seen as a substantial vote of confidence.

"The Football League goes into 1984 in good shape".

GEORDIES SCORE AT LIVERPOOL

More than 100 Merseyside youngsters are to be treated to a Canon League match-day at Anfield, home of champions Liverpool, thanks to the generosity of Newcastle United supporters and Liverpool F.C. themselves.

"I congratulate the Geordie fans on one of the most heartwarming gestures I can recall", says Peter Robinson, Chief Executive of Liverpool.

"It all started when Newcastle were at Anfield for the recent F.A. Cup tie. There was damage to a number of our stand seats when some of the fans got over-excited, but within four days I had a letter from Mr Harry Rodden, an official of the London branch of the Newcastle United Supporters Club, enclosing a cheque for £100.

They wanted the money used to entertain either some handicapped youngsters or children in local authority care.

"Furthermore, members offered to travel to Anfield to help us replace the seating.

"I think it is an absolutely marvellous gesture" adds Mr Robinson, "and shows where the true heart of the game is. We propose to use the cheque to provide transportation for the youngsters and as a reciprocal gesture from Liverpool we will admit them without any charge."

Harry Rodden, 39-year-old Cockney Geordie, says: "This is a sincere gesture from a caring club to endorse our disapproval of the anti-social fans. We as a club deplore the lunatic behaviour of those responsible for the damage and apologise on behalf of all true Newcastle fans."



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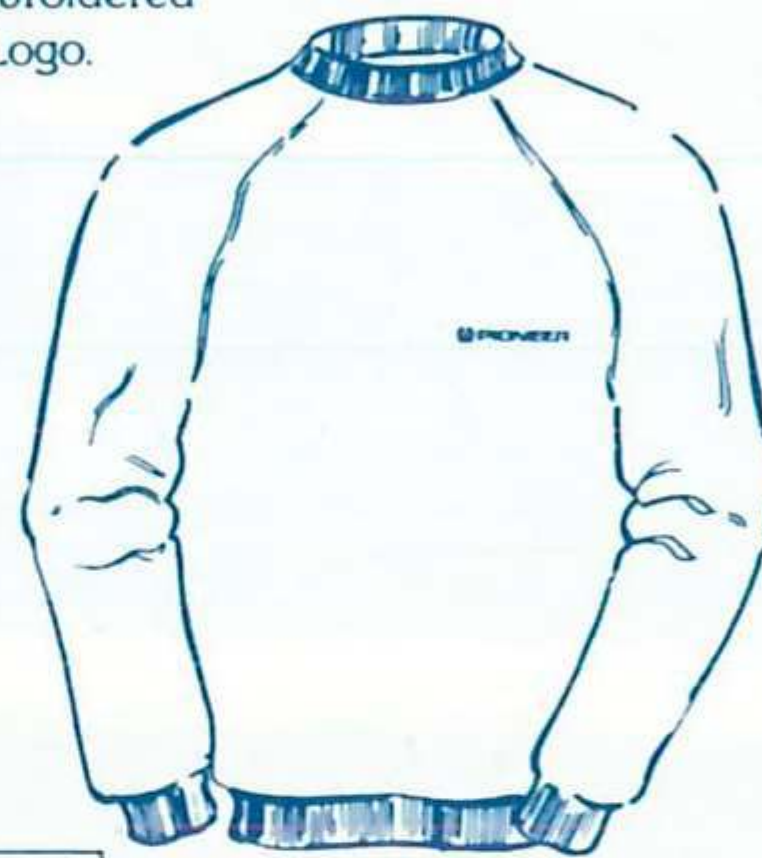
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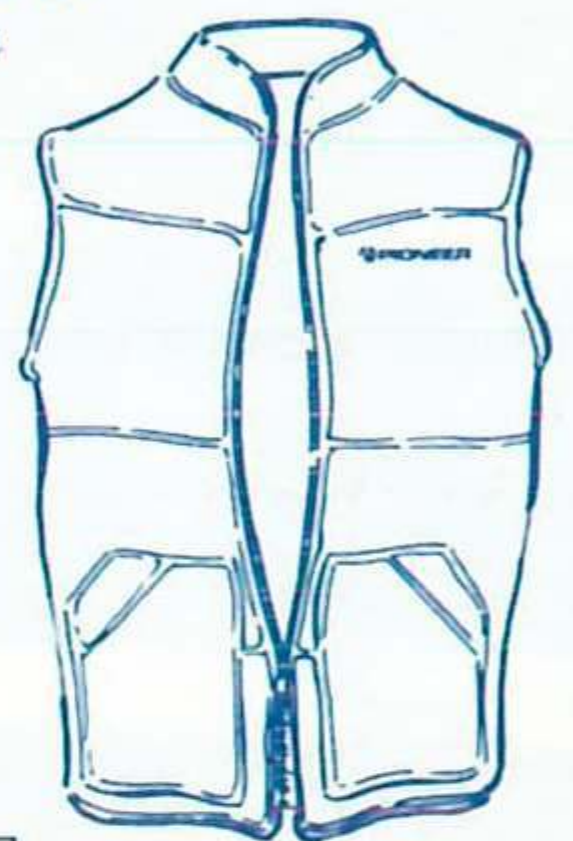


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A-Z

Part 20 — by Tony Pullein

McILROY, Jimmy. Jimmy McIlroy spent a short while as Bolton's manager in the late 'sixties but he never quite attained the same stature in that field as he did as a player. A scheming inside-forward, who could also score goals, he played for Northern Ireland on 55 occasions. Burnley spotted him playing for Glentoran and signed him for £7,000. He played well over 400 games for them, winning a League Championship medal, before moving on to Stoke City in 1963. Three years later he moved on to Oldham where he completed his playing days.

MILK CUP

1960/61	1	—	Hull (a) 0-0 (h) 5-1; 2 — Grimsby (h) 6-2; 3 — Darlington (a) 2-1; 4 — Rotherham (h) 0-2.
1961/62	1	—	Sunderland (h) 1-1 (a) 0-1.
1962/63	2	—	Norwich (a) 0-4.
1963/64	2	—	Sheffield United (a) 2-1; 3 — Stoke (a) 0-3.
1964/65	2	—	Blackburn (h) 1-5.
1965/66	2	—	Aldershot (h) 3-0; 3 — Grimsby (a) 2-4.
1966/67	2	—	Manchester City (a) 1-3.
1967/68	2	—	Liverpool (a) 1-1 (h) 3-2; 3 — West ham (a) 1-4.
1968/69	2	—	West Ham (a) 2-7.
1969/70	1	—	Rochdale (h) 6-3; 2 — Rotherham (h) 0-0 (a) 3-3 (h) 0-1.
1970/71	2	—	Blackburn (h) 1-0; 3 — Leicester (h) 1-1 (a) 0-1.
1971/72	1	—	Bradford City (a) 1-1 (h) 2-1; 2 — Huddersfield (a) 2-0; 3 — Manchester City (h) 3-0; 4 — Chelsea (a) 1-1 (h) 0-6.
1972/73	1	—	Oldham (h) 3-0; 2 — Sheffield Wednesday (a) 0-2.
1973/74	1	—	Preston (h) 1-1 (a) 2-0; 2 — Rochdale (a) 4-0; 3 — Millwall (a) (h) 1-2.
1974/75	2	—	Norwich (h) 0-0 (a) 1-3.
1975/76	2	—	Coventry (h) 1-3.
1976/77	2	—	Bradford City (a) 2-1; 3 — Fulham (a) 2-2 (h) 2-2

			(at Birmingham) 2-1; 4 — Swansea (a) 1-1 (h) 5-1; 5 — Derby (a) 2-1; SF — Everton (a) 1-1, (h) 0-1.
1977/78	2	—	Lincoln (h) 1-0; 3 — Peterborough (h) 3-1; 4 — Leeds (h) 1-3.
1978/79	2	—	Chelsea (h) 2-1; 3 — Exeter (a) 1-2.
1979/80	2	—	Southend (h) 1-2 (a) 0-0.
1980/81	2	—	Crystal Palace (h) 0-3 (a) 1-2.
1981/82	1	—	Oldham (h) 2-1 (a) 2-4.
1982/83	1	—	Carlisle (a) 3-3 (h) 4-0; 2 — Watford (h) 1-2 (a) 1-2.
1983/84	1	—	Chester (h) 3-0 (a) 0-3 (lost 0-2 on pens).

MOIR, Willie. Willie was an inside-forward who joined the club during the war. He established himself as a First Division player immediately after the end of hostilities and in 1948/49 he was the First Division's leading scorer with 25 goals. He played for Scotland against England in 1950 and also won a Scotland "B" cap. He scored one of our goals in the 1953 F.A. Cup final. He left Burnden Park in 1955 to play for Stockport County.

LEAGUE RECORD:

		Apps.	Gls.
BOLTON	1946/47	31	8
	1947/48	31	5
	1948/49	42	25
	1949/50	31	9
	1950/51	41	12
	1951/52	39	16
	1952/53	37	17
	1953/54	39	18
	1954/55	32	8
	1955/56	2	—
STOCKPORT	1955/56	33	16
	1956/57	32	10
	1957/58	4	—
		394	144

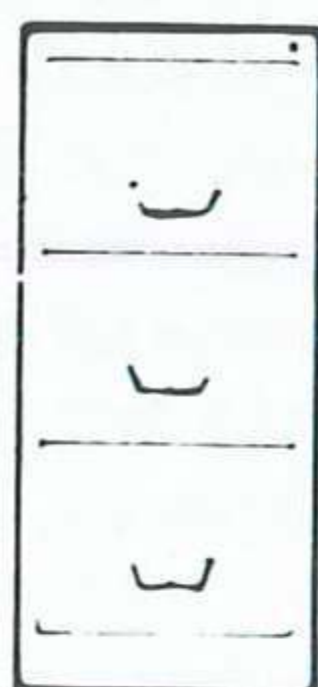
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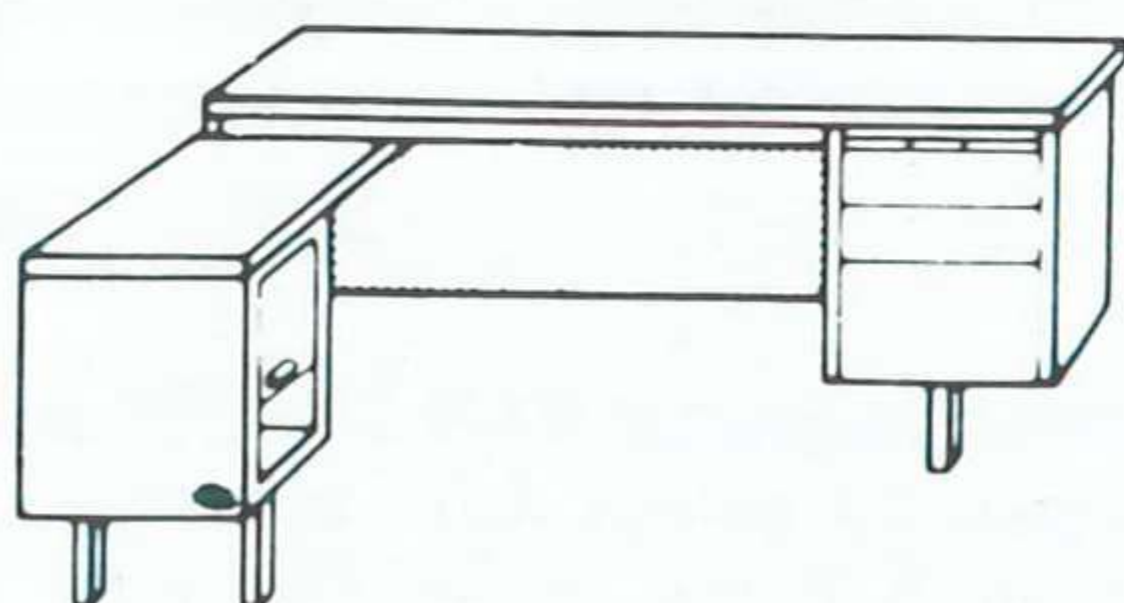
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Action

Steve Thompson tangles with
Lincoln's John Fashanu in last week's
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RACTS

CANON LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

(UP TO AND INCLUDING SUNDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 1984)

	HOME			AWAY			GOALS			GOALS			Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Walsall	30	11	2	2	33	13	6	4	5	17	25	57	
Wimbledon	30	12	3	1	47	23	5	1	8	23	32	55	
Oxford United	27	10	3	0	36	15	6	2	6	20	20	53	
Hull City	26	9	2	1	24	7	5	7	2	18	13	51	
Bristol Rovers	30	11	3	1	32	12	4	3	8	14	24	51	
Sheffield United	29	8	6	0	33	8	5	3	7	19	27	48	
Bolton Wanderers	30	9	4	2	28	10	4	4	7	12	23	47	
Burnley	28	10	1	2	40	11	2	8	5	15	20	45	
Lincoln City	31	9	3	3	30	17	4	3	9	12	25	45	
Orient	30	9	3	4	25	17	4	3	7	18	28	45	
Gillingham	26	9	2	3	34	18	4	3	5	14	23	44	
Bradford City	28	7	6	2	35	22	5	1	7	17	21	43	
Millwall	30	11	2	2	27	15	0	7	8	22	37	42	
Newport County	28	7	5	2	24	19	3	4	7	15	31	39	
Wigan Athletic	27	6	2	5	16	13	3	5	6	13	23	34	
Preston North End	29	7	3	5	27	19	2	3	9	16	23	33	
Plymouth Argyle	26	6	6	1	23	9	2	1	10	13	25	31	
Brentford	29	3	6	4	20	19	3	4	9	21	34	28	
Southeast United	29	5	6	4	21	14	1	3	10	14	37	27	
Rotherham United	26	4	4	5	12	12	3	1	9	16	26	26	
AFC Bournemouth	28	6	3	5	22	18	1	2	11	12	34	26	
Scunthorpe United	27	4	5	4	22	24	0	6	8	10	28	23	
Port Vale	29	6	2	7	18	17	0	3	11	10	37	23	
Exeter City	29	3	3	9	18	28	2	4	8	19	31	22	

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Date	Opponents	Goals F A
1983		
Aug.	31 Burnley	4-0
Sept.	7 Newcastle Utd.	0-2
	14 Derby County	0-6
	20 Manchester Utd.	0-2
	28 Sheffield Wed.	1-2
Oct.	4 Liverpool	0-6
	13 Nottingham F.	0-4
	19 Blackburn R.	2-4
	27 Sheffield Utd	1-3
Nov.	9 Aston Villa	0-4
	15 Everton	1-2
	23 Leeds United	2-0
	30 Stoke City	2-2
Dec	21 Newcastle Utd.	2-1
1984		
Jan.	11 Liverpool	1-2
	17 Derby County	1-0
	25 Manchester Utd.	P
	31 Sheffield Wed.	P
Feb.	4 West Brom. A.	1-2
	8 Nottingham F.	2-3
	15 Sunderland	2-1
	22 Blackburn R.	2-1
	29 Aston Villa	
Mar.	14 Sheffield Utd.	
	20 Burnley	
	28 Everton	
Apr.	2 Leeds United	
	11 Stoke City	
	18 Sunderland	
	25 West Brom. A.	

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BOLTON
A666(M)/M61/M62 (follow 'Liverpool' and 'M6 South' signs) to M6 at Croft
M6/M1 south to intersection 7, junction with M10
M10 to intersection 1, junction with A405
A405 to junction with A6
A6 to South Mimms junction with M25
M25 to intersection 27 junction with M11
M11 to intersection 3, junction with A12 at Wanstead
219 miles

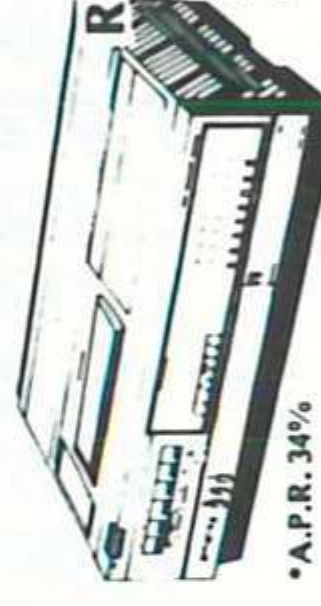
Turn right at the roundabout on leaving M11 to the next roundabout in one mile. Take the 3rd exit (A114) up to Whipps Cross roundabout where you take the first exit (A104) Lea Bridge Road. Keep ahead on Lea Bridge Road for about a mile and then turn left down Church Road to Orient football ground.



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HULL CITY

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A666(M)/M61/M62 (follow Leeds/Hull signs) to present terminal of M62 at North Cave, jun A63
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Team	Best Attendance	Average Attendance	Leading Goalscorer
BOLTON W.	11,059 v Oxford	6,150	Caldwell 16
BOURNEMOUTH	7,220 v Newport	4,202	Morgan 13
BRADFORD C.	6,405 v Preston	3,767	Hawley 18
BRENTFORD	8,042 v Burnley	4,866	Joseph 9
BRISTOL ROV.	7,472 v Sheff. Utd.	5,595	Stephens 9
BURNLEY	12,136 v Bradford C.	7,208	Hamilton 15
EXETER C.	5,310 v Bristol Rov.	3,583	Pratt 10
GILLINGHAM	6,226 v Millwall	4,315	Mehmet 11
HULL CITY	18,461 v Scunthorpe	9,867	Marwood 10
LINCOLN C.	6,686 v Sheff. Utd.	3,883	Jack 9
MILLWALL	6,709 v Burnley	4,834	Bremner 10
NEWPORT CO.	5,154 v Plymouth	3,460	Aldridge 19
OXFORD UTD.	12,748 v Bristol Rov.	7,404	Hebbard 9
ORIENT	4,470 v Burnley	3,267	Houchen 9
PLYMOUTH A.	10,387 v Exeter	4,555	Tynan 7
PORT VALE	7,034 v Sheff. Utd.	4,311	O'Keefe, Henderson 5
PRESTON N.E.	6,661 v Hull City	4,583	Elliott 10
ROTHERHAM U.	6,298 v Hull City	4,607	Kilmore 8
SCUNTHORPE U.	4,406 v Bolton W.	2,961	Cammack 12
SHEFFIELD U.	22,756 v Rotherham	11,683	Edwards 20
SOUTHEND U.	4,272 v Millwall	2,818	Phillips 13
WALSALL	8,156 v Southend	4,900	Brown, O'Kelly 11
WIGAN A.	10,045 v Bolton	4,437	Taylor 7
WIMBLEDON	5,667 v Millwall	3,156	Cork 23

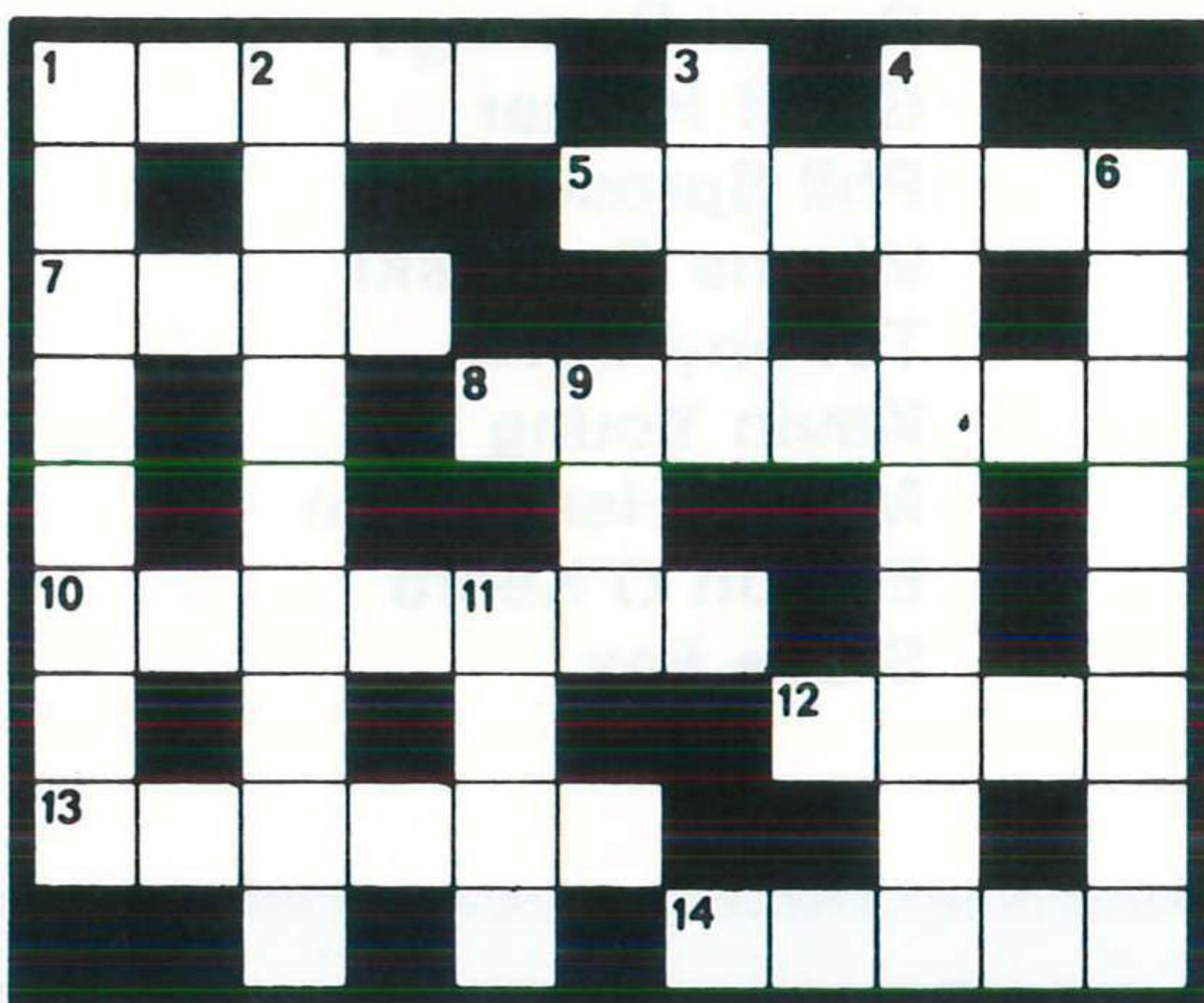
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CROSSWORD No. 20

ACROSS

1. "We all agree that (the name of our club here) are _____!" (5)
5. Even a slow motion replay may not identify him (6)
7. Aristocratic-sounding midfielder who had around 300 games for Hull in the 1960s and 1970s (4)
8. Full-back Colin _____ reached Torquay, where he was a regular for many seasons, from Crewe via an unproductive stop-over at Birmingham (7)
10. Molineux _____, the lair of Wolves (7)
12. The number of Scottish League clubs with names beginning with D (4)
13. _____ Bullock, old England striker who managed Bury (two spells) and Leicester (6)
14. &1dn. Eire man who won caps with Shamrock Rovers before and after others with Chelsea, Crystal Palace and West Bromwich Albion (5,8)



DOWN

1. See 14 across
2. Striker who started with Sunderland and went on with Grimsby, Southend, Colchester, Chester and Swansea, finishing in 1978 (4,5)
3. "Roary Super _____", old Gaelic World Cup mascot (4)
4. Centre-half who began in the early 1960s and split 500 or so appearances between Palace, Orient, Colchester and Workington (5,4)
6. Defender with two 'first' names who campaigned with Coventry and Palace (3, 5)
9. The Stretford _____ is at Old Trafford (3)
11. In October he missed playing in a League match — something he hadn't done since 1974! (4)

Answers to No. 19: **ACROSS:** 6. Dave Roberts, 7. Reading, 8. one, 10. Ray, 12. Elliott, 15. Peter Swales. **DOWN:** 1. Dave, 2. heads, 3. pointless, 4. ten, 5. Stan, 9. Milan, 11. Alex, 13. ties, 14. Ken.

PICK-NICK No. 20

Solve this cryptic clue to a club's nickname and then identify the club:

SEVERAL WHO WERE SITED AT SW6 0AP?

Answer to No. 19:
MAGPIES, NOTTS COUNTY/NEWCASTLE

ANSWERS IN THE NEXT PROGRAMME

Puzzle Page

QUICK QUIZ No. 20

1. In which country is the top division the Oberliga?
2. Did Jordan go to Juventus from Arsenal, Manchester United or Spurs?
3. In which season under Bob Paisley did Liverpool *not* finish first or second in Division One?
4. Hungary was one of two H countries in the last World Cup finals, what was the other?
5. Which of these F.A. Cup final scores is imaginary: 5-0, 5-1, 5-2 or 5-3?

Answers to No. 19

1. Willie Johnston, 2. Nickname "Dixie", 3. Tele Santana, 4. One (1956), 5. Peno.

MIXED DOUBLES No. 20

Re-order the letters in each of the words

RATTON and **DEAR**

to find the names of two men called "Kevin"

Answers to No. 19: AMES, STEVEN

ON THE BALL No. 20

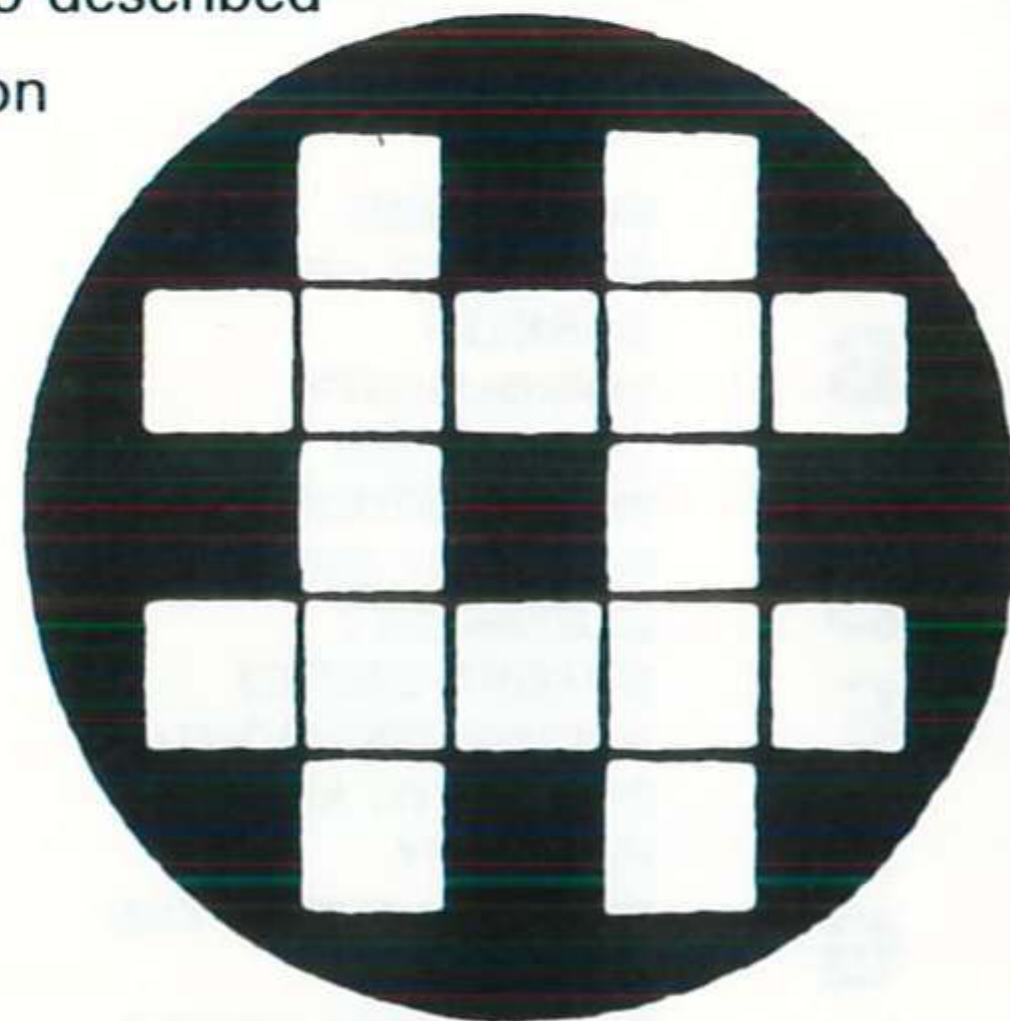
Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.

The Road to Colchester

Rafferty's goat?

The sponge has been so described

Chester's aquatic allusion



Answers to No. 19: MARSH, ASTON, MATCH, SCHÖN.

TEAMS

BOLTON WANDERERS

White & Navy Blue

John Platt	1
Brian Borrows	2
Ray Deakin	3
Warren Joyce	4
Gerry McElhinney	5
Peter Valentine	6
Steve Thompson	7
Jeff Chandler	8
Wayne Foster	9
Tony Caldwell	10
Graham Bell	11
	12

PORT VALE

Yellow & Green

Barry Siddall
Colin Tartt
Russel Bromage
Geoff Hunter
Phil Sproson
Wayne Cegielski
Tommy Gore
Kevin Young
Martin Henderson
Eamon O'Keefe
Steve Fox



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DUNLOP SPORT

TODAY'S REFEREE:

TRELFORD MILLS (Barnsley). Started refereeing in the Barnsley and District Leagues, then progressed through Barnsley and Sheffield Leagues on to the Central and then Football League List. Officiated in a U.E.F.A. Cup game in 1976 and F.A. Challenge Trophy Semi-Final in 1977 and 1979. Refereed Football League Quarter-Final in 1978 and the F.A. Youth Cup Final in 1979.

A married man, with one son, he is an Insurance Inspector with interests in cricket and gardening.



LINESMEN:

D. B. SCRIMSHAW (Cheadle Hulme) Red Flag
R. R. TURNER (Skipton) Yellow Flag

HALFTIME SCOREBOARD

A	BRENTFORD	I	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	Q	SOUTHAMPTON
B	SHEFFIELD UNITED	J	BRISTOL ROVERS	R	LUTON TOWN
C	BURNLEY	K	WALSALL	S	STOKE CITY
D	LINCOLN CITY	L	BRADFORD CITY	T	NOTTS COUNTY
E	GILLINGHAM	M	ASTON VILLA	U	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR
F	WIGAN ATHLETIC	N	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS	V	BIRMINGHAM CITY
G	NEWPORT COUNTY	O	LEICESTER CITY	W	WATFORD
H	EXETER CITY	P	IPSWICH TOWN	X	EVERTON
	OXFORD UNITED		LIVERPOOL		WEST BROMWICH ALBION
	AFC BOURNEMOUTH		QUEENS PARK RANGERS		COVENTRY CITY
	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE		MANCHESTER UNITED		MIDDLESBROUGH
	HULL CITY		SUNDERLAND		MANCHESTER CITY
	PRESTON NORTH END		NORWICH CITY		ROCHDALE
	MILLWALL		WEST HAM UNITED		DARLINGTON
	ROTHERHAM UNITED		NOTTINGHAM FOREST		WREXHAM
	WIMBLEDON		ARSENAL		BURY